

Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Newsletter

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Notice

Woodworker's Club Meeting
Wednesday, February, 20th @ 6:30 PM
The Woodworker's Shop, East Manito Rd., Pekin

Program: Mark Padesky – Crafting Arts & Crafts style lamps and lighting fixtures.

Previous Meeting Notes: The Woodworker's Shop hosted the January 16th meeting of some 42 club members and a couple of guests.

Business Meeting: Treasurer Norm Bartlett reported club funds on deposit at CEFCU totaled \$1,631. The annual dues collection is nearly complete with just a few outstanding follow-ups.

Sound System Improvement: At the bidding of the steering committee, **Russ Marie**, has been searching for a cost effective way to improve our sound system. After visiting the local shops and the big box stores, he learned that like many other things, technology outpaced our equipment. In summary, the “big box stores” may have had lower prices but they knew little about how their products might work for us. Local merchant, Stan Byerly of Byerly's Sound looked at what we had and recommended what we needed. It was his unit we used at the January meeting. He also strongly recommended we move into new cordless microphones.

There was a general agreement that the sound and volume was an obvious improvement and the cordless “hand held” and “head mounted” microphones will make a definite difference particularly for our demonstrators

A motion was made and passed to purchase the Byerly's unit plus the additional accessory microphones. Our thanks to Russ and the other members of the steering committee for their time and effort.

Library: **Bill Weise** had the library open and available. The two new books approved last meeting, **Workbenches** and **Building Wooden Machines** had been acquired and were available for checkout.

Jim Seelye developed a listing/catalog of the entire library (200 + books and/or videos) and **Dave Esme** posted it on our website www.peoriawoodworkers.org. Check it out. Our thanks to Jim and Dave.

Program: The evening's program focused on, but wasn't limited to, toy making. Participation from “toy makers” (and who isn't a toy maker) was impressive. Toy making challenges a woodworker's imagination, his woodworking skills, his safety concerns and typically, there is a worthwhile story behind every toy.

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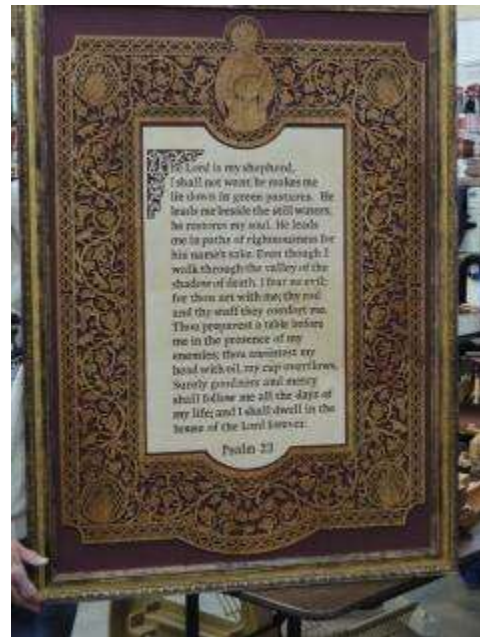
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Norm Bartlett – Fireman's Cross.

Norm had just finished a scroll sawn "fireman's cross" for a volunteer fireman friend. To gain "depth," he layered eight sheets of poster board between two sheets of 1/8" oak plywood. The photo doesn't do it justice but the added depth made it an impressive piece.



Vic McDonald – The 23rd Psalm.



The Lord Is My Shepherd.....The obvious questions...How long did it take? **230 hours** working off and on for a little more than a year. How many scroll saw blades ...**2 ½ gross of a #59 blade**. How many 1/16" holes did he drill to put the saw blades through....**6,275 +/- one/two**.

The material is ¼" birch plywood. The Psalm was sawn in two pieces and is finished with a clear stain. The border was sawn in eight pieces and has a light oak stain.

If I understood Vic correctly, this particular pattern has only been successfully sawn a couple or three times by other scrollers. It is a classic.

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Mark Pedesky - The simpler, the better. We've seen it before ...maybe at the circus. Just a cylinder and a board...balance on the board with the board on the cylinder...rock back and forth without kicking the cylinder out from under the board....and he could do it.



A.J. Gatzmayer – the “gangster car” guy. A.J.’s cars and trucks are made for little hands and he’s been making them by the dozen. He makes them for the children’s hospital and for a local children’s doctor. Often they give a much needed distraction to a child that might desperately need it. Painted only in cheerful colors, they look good, feel good, have no sharp corners and, they can take a hit if/when dropped from the height of a hospital bed. They have brought a lot of joy to some pretty sick children. Thanks A.J.



Dave Esme – Also enjoys making toys that are meant to be “played.” This truck, for example, evolved from a plan Dave modified to make it “play better.” He said it well ...”toymakers must first decide if a toy is going to be played with or if it will be a keepsake.” That decision is critical to material selection as design. But, then again, it’s often the “kid worn” toys that become the keepsakes.



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Delbert Luedtke started this project with his son. It took a while but they had a good time doing it and that became the best part of it. It is an interesting piece and it looks as if could take a pretty good hit and keep on "flying."



Charlie Blough has made his share of sandbox toys but these are keepsakes. He brought a bulldozer with tracks that move around the sprockets and a blade that can be raised and lowered. The motor grader has fully articulated steering. The front wheels lay over just as they do on a real grader. That had to be a challenge. The excavator behind the grader also has moving tracks but what he was most proud of was the bucket movement. It is quite realistic. The cylinder rods move in and out providing a most realistic "look." Some amazing work.

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Bill Frerking – Bill signed this in as an “erector set” but didn’t unpack it from its “woodworker’s style” carrying case until he started his presentation. It took just a couple/three minutes to see that he had made a club centerpiece for events like the recent Wood Expo at The Woodworkers Shop. The columns and archway highlight a worthy rendition of the club logo. But, he wasn’t done. Bill had collaborated with Russ Marie to make the carrying case. As he assembled and disassembled the unit, it became apparent that each piece had a place and, only one place, in the case. Nothing moved, nothing rattled.



Nothing moved, nothing rattled. Would we expect less from Bill and Russ.

Notice the trucks beneath the archway. Those are Bill’s as well. One is a rendition of a Model A. The other is a rugged little Big Foot. Each fits comfortably somewhere between “sandbox and keepsake.”

Thank you, Bill, for your participation and interest in keeping the club moving forward.

Drawings: Dale Chenoweth won the \$35 Woodworker’s Shop Gift Certificate. He sends his thanks along to our friends at The Woodworker’s Shop. Dave Lawson (me) won the 50-50 drawing and I thank you all for your participation. I’ll think of that prize each time I use my new Freud 10” thin kerf saw blade I bought on the way out the door.

If there are any questions about Wednesday’s meeting call or text me, Dave Lawson, @ 660-785-0899 or email me @ davelawson43@gmail.com.

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